

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: IMG_0542

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900598.040

Medium: Video File

Creator: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Portuguese

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 February 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 February 2020

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	IMG_0542	0:50
Total running time:		0:50

Summary of reasons for decision:

'IMG_0542' is a digital video file that is deemed objectionable under s 3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). It is a graphic depiction of a young man being repeatedly shot in the head. The gruesome murder presents a planned act recorded to further the cause of the attackers, and intended to celebrate and validate the conduct taking place. In this context, the publication promotes and supports acts of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.